



# Literally Speaking



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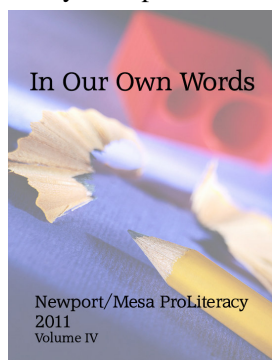
## International Literacy Day

Every September, Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy hosts an International Literacy Day (ILD) event at the Newport Beach Public Library. It is a day of celebration as tutors, learners and special guests come together to honor all the people in the literacy program, as well as one specific Learner of the Year — also known as the Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award, named after a dedicated tutor who passed away in 2004.

No one who has attended the event has come away without being touched in some way by the stories of the people who are a part of Literacy Services.

And as an added enticement, each learner brings a special dish from their home country to share and that complements the catered appetizers.

Another special part of the day is the presentation of the book, *In Our Own Words*, which is a collection of stories, essays and poems written by the learners of the program.



This year, ILD will be held on Thursday, September 8, so be sure to save the date.

If you are a tutor who would like to nominate your learner for the Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award or a learner who wishes to submit your writings for the book, you can contact Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy at (949) 717-3874 or [literacy@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:literacy@newportbeachca.gov).

## Donations are always welcome

We are grateful for the community support that we receive from local companies, foundations, and organizations, and individuals whose donations have been helping the program continue to serve the literacy needs of our community.

If you have any contacts who might be interested in supporting Literacy Services, please contact the office.

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*In addition to general literacy assistance, their generous donation will seed exciting new programs to benefit the community.*

## New Resources

Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy is always working hard, scanning the web for new teaching resources for our tutors. There are always so many out there and it's often difficult to find what works best for you and your learner. We have come up with a couple of new suggestions that may work for you:

### Literacy Apps

Smart phones have become commonplace for many people nowadays, and the mobile *apps* (short for *applications*) available for download are numerous. The Central Coast Children's Foundation has compiled a list of more than 60 free or inexpensive literacy apps for adults and children. The list provides you with each Apple iTunes link as well as descriptions of their function and user reviews. Click on **Guides & Resources**.

[www.CentralCoastChildrensFoundation.org](http://www.CentralCoastChildrensFoundation.org).



### Education.com

Recommended by one of our tutors, Education.com is a resource for worksheets and activities by subject and /or grade level that could be of value to all tutors and learners. Although you must create an account to use the features of the website, it is free. [www.education.com](http://www.education.com).



If you would like more information about these or other resources, feel free to contact the literacy office.

"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance."

~ Confucius ~

## New Tutors

We would like to welcome our graduating class of tutors for Spring 2011! Your time and effort is truly appreciated.

Robert Petrecca  
Brittney Whitaker  
Deborah Mathis  
Monica Witt

Carl Fine  
Lynn Hom  
Warren Knight



## Learner Accomplishments

- Passed TOEFL and admitted to graduate school
- Obtained high school diploma and scholarship
- Became a U.S. citizen and found a job
- Found a better job

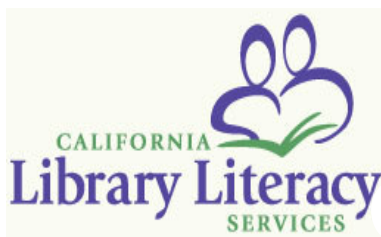
## Roles & Goals

*By Cherall Weiss*

A hallmark of Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy is its learner centered commitment, helping learners to meet personal goals.

In order to measure our success, *California Library Literacy Services (CLLS)* requires all programs to report back on how we are doing. The **Roles & Goals** form is the vehicle we use to tout the achievements of every learner in the program. The next Roles & Goals form is due in the literacy office by **July 15**, and is an excellent opportunity for learners and tutors to refocus on commitment and direction.

And, don't forget to check out the Roles & Goals Curriculum



for guidance at [www.LibraryLiteracy.org](http://www.LibraryLiteracy.org). Keep an eye out for the forms in the mail by mid-June. If you have any questions, please contact the literacy office.

## Snapshot:

### Damari Guerra *Adult Learner*



In 2008, Damari Guerra — originally from El Salvador — first came to the Newport Beach Public Library's literacy program (Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy). Damari's goal was to obtain her GED in order to attend college and find a better job. She was quickly matched with her tutor, Lynn Pearlman.

While working as a child care provider, Damari and Lynn worked to meet her goal and at the end of May 2011, she succeeded. She graduated and received her high school diploma.

And, for all of her hard work, Damari earned a \$500 Academic Scholarship for Santa Ana College for outstanding grades. She is an inspiration to all of our learners.

**Literally Speaking: What motivated you to come to the Newport Beach Public Library Literacy Program?**

**Damari:** I wanted to improve my English and get help to earn my high school diploma.

**Literally Speaking: Why did you choose obtaining your high school diploma as your goal?**

**Damari:** I would like to go to college and become a nurse.

**Literally Speaking: How did your relationship with your tutor develop over the years and help you to learn?**

**Damari:** My tutor encouraged me to pursue my goals. She helped me with homework and things I didn't understand.

**Literally Speaking: Now that you are graduating, what are your future plans?**

**Damari:** Now that I am graduating, I plan to go to college and become a nurse.

**Literally Speaking: What are your hobbies?**

**Damari:** I love to read the bible, attend church and hang out with my friends and family.



Damari Guerra with her tutor Lynn Pearlman.

**Tutors: Thank you for turning in your monthly report by the 3rd of each month!**

## Save the Date

On October 19, 2011, the Newport Beach Public Library will host a "Volunteer Recognition Day" for those who assist the library in various capacities. Many of the people you see every day in the library – and some that you don't – are donating their time and the library wishes to acknowledge their hard work.

If you are a library volunteer and wish to RSVP for this event, please contact Jana Colver by September 16, at (949) 717-3824. Light appetizers will be served.

## Super FUNdraising event!

On June 22, 2011, California Pizza Kitchen in Fashion Island will hold a fundraiser in support of Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy. Events such as these always raise a generous amount for the program thanks to our learners, tutors and volunteers.



Stop by the literacy office for a copy of the fundraising flyer and present it to your server when you dine. 20% of your check — including dine-in, take-out, catering and all beverages — will be donated to Literacy Services. The promotion runs the entire day.

The restaurant is located at 1151 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, (949) 759-5543. We hope to see you there!

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## Learner's Corner

### Japan Relief

By Tomoko Katayama

I can't believe what was going on in Japan. Last Thursday night my friend called me that there was big earthquake in Japan.

We can watch Japanese TV program using cable, so I shouted to my husband to change the channel. The TV screen showed us unbelievable scenes. We watched live as a tremendous wave swallowed many towns and cities.

I haven't seen a tsunami in Japan before. I was really shocked and scared.

Fortunately my relatives and friends don't live in the area where the huge earthquake was but there was large earthquake in their area, too. They were scared. Many places in Japan have large continuous aftershocks now.

More than twenty eight thousand people died and whose whereabouts are unknown. TV news told us there were more than a few hundred bodies on the beach and other beaches had the same situation.

More than three hundred thousand people take shelter from dangerous areas and they stayed at schools and public halls. One of the biggest problems is that they can't get relief supplies.

They need water, food, and heating oil for their heaters. This is a colder area. Many roads were broken so trucks can't drive to the places where there are victims. One more reason is shortage of fuel. Trucks don't have enough gasoline to drive to the suffering area and back.

I hope they will get the supplies which they need as soon as possible.

One of the most serious problems is the broken nuclear plants. It frightens the Japanese. The situation has been getting worse gradually so far. Radioactivity already has blown around Tokyo. The amount of radioactive clouds hasn't been serious yet but my parents and friends live near Tokyo.

I think this disaster is a Japanese difficulty similar to World War II of Hiroshima.

The government and electric company of nuclear plants do the best to improve the problem. However, it is their first time to work in such a serious situation.

Actually they are not trained in solving this disaster.

All the people interviewed on television about their losses and suffering cried as they told their story.

Japan is exhausted. However, the Japanese people will pull together and keep going.

Many people in Japan begin to help each other and want to help them. I also appreciate that many countries help Japan.

I hope and pray Japan will be better as much as possible. 🌸

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## Upcoming Literacy Dates/Events

June 1	Wednesday, 10:00 am	Movie Talk
June 2, 16, 23, 30	Thursdays, 6:30 pm	Adult Learner Conversation Class
June 6, 20	Mondays, 6:30 pm	Adult Learner Creative Speaking
June 6, 20, 27	Mondays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Book Club
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Tuesdays, 10:15 am	Adult Learner Discussion Class
June 8, 15	Wednesdays, 10:00 am	Adult Learner Writing Workshop**
June 10, 24	Fridays, 9:30 am	Advanced Life Skills Dialogs*
June 16, 23, 30	Thursdays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Life Skills Dialog
June 17	Friday, 3:30 pm	Families For Literacy Program
June 22, 29	Wednesdays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Pronunciation Workshop**
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Tuesdays, 10:15 am	Adult Learner Discussion Class
July 6	Wednesday, 10:00 am	Movie Talk
July 6, 13	Wednesdays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Pronunciation Workshop**
July 7, 14, 21, 28	Thursdays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Life Skills Dialog
July 7, 14, 21, 28	Thursdays, 6:30 pm	Adult Learner Conversation Class
July 8, 22	Fridays, 9:30 am	Advanced Life Skills Dialogs*
July 11, 18, 25	Mondays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Book Club
July 13	Wednesday, 6:00 pm	New Learner Orientation
July 18	Mondays, 6:30 pm	Adult Learner Creative Speaking
July 19	Tuesday, 6:00 pm	New Tutor Orientation
July 27	Wednesday, 10:00 am	Tutor Connection

\* By invitation only. Must attend Thursday Life Skills Dialogs class to be eligible

\*\* Pre-registration required

**Note:** All programs are held at the Central Library unless otherwise posted and subject to change.  
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